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C O N F I D E N T I A L CALCUTTA 1161

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC, PINS
SUBJECT: EXTORTION THREAT AGAINST PAN AMERICAN AIR OPERATIONS

1. THE PAA CALCUTTA TICKET SALES OFFICE (NO PAN AMERICAN FLIGHT STOPS HERE) NOTIFIED US THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED A THREATENEING LETTER ON JULY 5. THEY ASKED OUR ASSISTANCE IN MAKING PHOTO COPIES OF THE BENGALI LANGUAGE TEXT, WRITTEN ON A DOMESTIC INDIAN AIR LETTERGRAM, AND OF A TRANSLATION WHICH WAS DONE IN THE PAN AMERICAN OFFICE. WE DID THIS, AND CONCURRED WITH THE PLAN OF THE PAN AMERICAN OFFICE TO NOTIFY THEIR DELHI HEADQUARTERS AND TO TURN THE LETTER OVER TO THE POLICE. COMMENT: WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS LIKELY THAT THIS IS A SERIOUS OR A MAJOR THREAT.
2. BEGIN TEXT OF PAN AMERICAN TRANSLATION OF BENGALI LANGUAGE LETTER: WE HAVE FORMULA BY WHICH A PLANE, IMMEDIATELY AFTER LANDING, COULD BE BLOWN OFF. THIS JOB COULD BE DONE BY US SINCE WE CAN EMBRACE DEATH EASILY.
WE DEMAND A SUM OF RS 200,000 (TWO LAKHS OF RUPEES). IF WE DON'T GET THE MONEY A BIG PROJECT OF US WILL BE HAMPERED. YOU CAN WELL UNDERSTAND THAT OUR DEMAND IS SO NEGLIGIBLE IN
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COMPARISON TO THE HUGE LOSS YOU WILL INCUR WHEN A PLANE IS BLOW OFF. IF WE DON'T GET THE MONEY, SOME OF YOU WILL LOSE LIVES. IF WE GET THE MONEY, WE WILL SEND YOU THE FORMULA WHICH WILL BE HELPFUL IN TAKING PRIOR PRECAUTION AGAINST ANY FUTURE DAMAGE. THE DETAILS ARE GIVEN BELOW:
9TH JULY 1978 AT 3 TO 3:30 PM SOME PEOPLE FROM YOUR

ORGANIZATION SHOULD WAIT NEAR THE TELEPHONE BOOTH OF
SEALDAH RAILWAY STATION. HE SHOULD HAVE A BLACK ATTACHE
AND SHOULD HOLD A WHITE HANDKERCHIEF THEREIN.
OUR PEOPLE WILL HAND OVER A CHIT WRITTEN THERIN.
"PAN AMERICAN" TO HIM AND TAKE THE ATTACHE WITH HIM.
IF YOU MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO CATCH THE SAID MAN CARRYING THE
ATTACHE THE SAME WILL INVITE FUTHER COMPLICATIONS AND
LOT OF FUTHER LOSS OF LIVES. YOU MAKE LOT OF
MISCELLANEOUS EXCUSES WHERE YOU CAN PUT THIS AMOUNT
WHICH IS JUST NOTHING. PLEASE ALSO RETURN THIS LETTER
ALONG WITH THE MONEY AND ARE SURE THAT YOU WILL COMPLY
WITH OUR INSTRUCTIONS. END TEXT.
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